

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pavey opened the meeting for a public hearing on the Additional Appropriation for Park and Rec Non-Reverting. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Sheehan seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 4, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

- Presented a plaque to Marvin Hedrick in appreciation for his service to the City as a Board of Works Member. Hedrick has been elected to the Rush County Council and will no longer be a Board of Works Member.
- Presented Certificates of Appreciation to Al Hodge for serving on the Historic Board; Ashley Stiers for her service on the Redevelopment Commission; and Teresa Asbury for serving on the Amphitheater Committee and the Heart of Rushville.
- The County has given permission for Lane Excavating to move forward with the Fraley Wilker drain project.
- The Utility Board will meet tomorrow and will be looking at strategies relating to the CSO's. Pavey, Les Day and Steven Gress from Donohue Associates attended the EWIG meeting and received a lot of ideas and potential options.
- Councilman Smith, Kenny Masters, and Pavey attended an EIDD meeting where it was voted to dissolve the organization.
- Received positive feedback from the meeting in Chicago. We will be scheduling a follow up meeting.
- Park Restaurant – discovery is continuing.
- Search for ECDC Director – Resumes are due by January 7 and they are hoping to hire in February.
- There will be a meeting of the Employee Benefit Committee January 10th at 6:30.
- The reception for Jim Finan will be December 20th from 4:30 to 6:00.

- Received a call for a final walkthrough on Highway 52. It is now scheduled as a total road reconstruction. They will be meeting to coordinate with the Utilities. They are Common hoping to contract in July, let the project in November and bid in December of next year.
- The first meeting in January would actually fall on New Year's Day; therefore, Pavey asked if Council had any objections to meeting on Wednesday, January 2nd. There were no objections to change the meeting date.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley asked the Department Heads to have their bills in to her office no later than noon on the 21st. She asked for 3 volunteers to approve the final claim docket on the 28th. Bridges, Conner, and Berkemeier volunteered to approve the final claims.

Passed out Certifications of Elected Officials for Compliance with the Municipal Nepotism Policy and asked Council to review and return the signed form.

Informed Council that the general fund tax draw for this year was \$181,000.00 less than was received in 2011.

Asked Council to consider Resolution 2012-22 to Reduce Spending in the Rainy Day Fund. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-22. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Grant Reeves asked Council to consider Resolution 2012-21 regarding the establishment of the Flatrock Redevelopment Area. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-21. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Bridges wished all a Merry Christmas. He said we will discuss the redistricting under Unfinished Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amphitheater – Pavey reported that they have made an offer for the final concert and are waiting on a response.

Comprehensive Plan – Pavey said they are waiting to receive RFP's.

Trash Sub Committee – Councilman Smith said they will be having a "show and tell" meeting in January.

APC/BZA Building Code – Councilman Berkemeier said he is continuing his research.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police – Chief Tucker informed Council that the Board of Works promoted Officer Randy Meek to the position of Detective.

Fire – Chief Jenkins informed Council that the Board of Works gave him permission to begin the hiring process. He will be taking applications, and move forward with the agility and written testing.

Passed out a summary from the Perfection Group regarding the energy study. The main thing they suggested being done would be to replace light bulbs and thermostats. No fixtures will be replaced. They did not address the fleet because they did not have all the information. They can do that at a later time if we desire.

Animal – Warden Moran said the Board of Works gave her permission to advertise to hire a part time employee.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Copley informed Council that George Coons said he was unable to attend the meeting and wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. A Christmas card was shared from George.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Redistricting Ordinance 2012-30 – Councilman Bridges presented a map showing the new lines for the redistricting. He said districts 3 and 1 are a bit larger and district 2 is a little smaller. He said this had to be done by census not registered voters. Bridges said this would also need to be brought before the Election Board. Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-30. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

INTAT Tax Abatement – David Reid and Kevin Chestnut came before Council to ask for consideration of new tax abatement. After discussion Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-20. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bridges made a motion to approve the SB-1. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal – Kevin Mandrell said there was a slight decrease in the insurance. He presented a proposal with a contract date of January 1 through December 31, with no changes in the 2 policies. Sheehan made a motion to approve the renewal of the insurance from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. Manderll said he has also been discussing with the Mayor implementing a wellness program.

Additional Appropriation 2012-29 Park & Rec Non-Reverting – Sheehan made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2012-29. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transfer Resolution 2012-19 – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2012-19 transferring money in the Animal Shelter budget. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Copley asked for approval to pay the following donations:

ECDC

Chamber of Commerce

Boys and Girls Club

Senior Citizen Center

Rush County Community Foundation

Heart of Rushville

Rush County Victim's Assistance

Bridges made a motion to approve paying these donations. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER